

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2002-367-C - ORDER NO. 2003-124

MARCH 11, 2003

IN RE: Generic Proceeding to Address Abuse of Market Position.)))))	ORDER APPROVING CONSOLIDATION AND POSTPONING PREFILING DATES AND PROCEEDING
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of certain parties in this Docket to consolidate this Generic Proceeding to Address Abuse of Market Position with the Generic Docket to Address Inflation-Based Index, and address both issues in one hearing. This proposal was made in a letter from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., which quoted an idea propounded by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. Subsequently, this Commission's General Counsel provided a letter agreeing with the proposal for consolidation. The General Counsel also requested that all prefiling dates in the instant Docket be postponed accordingly, until further Order of the Commission on this matter.

We have examined this matter, and believe that consolidation of the abuse of market position and inflation-based index matters is reasonable, considering the fact that both concepts emanate from the same statute, S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576 (Supp. 2000). Accordingly, all prefiling dates already set in this Docket shall be postponed until further Order of the Commission, as well as the originally scheduled hearing on abuse of

market position. The two matters are, however, hereby consolidated, and both issues shall be addressed in one hearing.

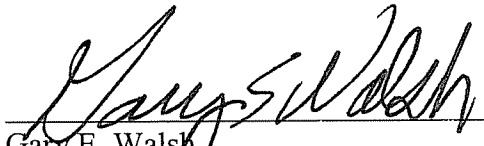
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn
Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director

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